

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: TOPIC SEGMENTING TEXT-PROCESSING
METHOD, PROGRAM, PROGRAM
RECORDING MEDIUM, AND DEVICE
THEREOF

Examiner: G. Borsetti

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid | Number Extra Claims Present | Rate | Additional Fee |
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| Total | 23 | - 23* = | 0 | x \$52.00 | \$0.00 |
| Independent | 7 | - 7** = | 0 | x \$220.00 | \$0.00 |
| First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable) | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | \$0.00 |

*not less than 20

** not less than 3

No additional fee is required.

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.